ADB loan for drinking water in Bihar

*440. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Asian Development Bank has given any loan or grant to Bihar during the last two years for providing drinking water in villages of all the districts of the State;

(b) if so, the villages/districts identified for the purpose;

(c) the quantum of funds allocated to each village/district; and

(d) the progress made so far, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Retirement age of Air Hostesses

3079. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some time back, the Supreme Court of India pronounced a judgement ruling that the air hostesses employed in Air India should be assigned flying air hostesses duties till the age of 58 years instead of 45;

(b) if so, whether Government have started implementing the decision;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether any guidelines have been put in place specifying the health and fitness standards for such duties and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) Hon'ble High Court of Mumbai had, *inter alia*, allowed the air hostesses to fly upto the age of 58 years. Hon'ble Supreme Court, while hearing the Special Leave Petition against the order of Hon'ble High Court has, as an